

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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3.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: ETEL, PINS, NU  
SUBJECT: GON CLOSES RADIO STATION

1. THE DIRECTOR OF RADIO AND TELEVISION, COLONEL LUNA, HAS CLOSED RADIO STATION RADIO MUNDIAL FOR THREE MONTHS. THIS ACTION PLUS A FINE OF 5,000 CORDOBAS (\$715) IS THE GON RESPONSE TO A NEWS BROADCAST DURING THE CONFLICT IN MONIMBO, WHICH ALLEGED THE NATIONAL GUARD (G,) HAD CUT OFF THE HANDS OF NUMEROUS CHILDREN. THE SANCTION WAS BASED ON THE RADIO AND TV CODE WHICH AUTHORIZES CLOSING A STATION FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR REPEATED INSTANCES OF FALSE AND INFLAMMATORY NEWS BROADCASTS.

2. THIS ACTION IS REPORTEDLY THE FIRST TIME A STATION HAS BEEN CLOSED. IN THE PAST RADIO JOURNALISTS, WHO BUY TIME FROM THE STATION MANAGEMENT FOR THEIR NEWS PROGRAMS, HAVE BEEN FINED. BY CLOSING THE STATION THE MANAGEMENT AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE STATION ARE BEING PENALIZED FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE RADIO JOURNALIST.

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3. THIS ACTION OF THE GON HAS CAUSED CONSTERNATION AMONG THE RADIO AND TV JOURNALISTS, STATION OWNERS (THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 45 RADIO STATIONS AND 3 TV STATIONS IN NICARAGUA) AND EMPLOYEES. THERE ARE SEPARATE MEETINGS UNDERWAY OF THE INTERESTED GROUPS WHICH COULD LEAD TO A SYMPATHY STRIKE OF NEWS JOURNALISTS (AS HAPPENED DURING THE NATIONAL WORK STOPPAGE IN LATE JANUARY) OR A SUSPENSION OF ALL BROADCASTS (EXCEPT FOR SOMOZA'S STATIONS).

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